

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 54, 56-58, 60-62, and 64-69 as follows, and cancel Claims 55, 59, and 63.

54. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting data via wireless communication methods to a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- b) receiving data via wireless communication methods from a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- c) ~~adapting relaying under optional user control~~ said data for data communication to and from the portable local communication base unit ~~or in a manner such that the base unit can relay the data to and from an external wide area network, and~~
- d) ~~communicating wherein~~ said data includes a ~~for computer formatted data use and~~ for bi-directional communication.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used as a personal digital assistant (PDA) having functions in addition to handset communication functions.

57. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used as a cellular telephone unit.

58. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the handset ~~adapted~~ used to communication ~~communicate among~~ with multiple handset units or earset units.

59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is adapted used to access the Internet via the portable local communication base unit.

61. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is adapted used to function as a hands free speakerphone-like operation, wherein a user can look at a display screen while speaking has an option to speak toward a microphone located on the handset unit at a distance from the user's mouth substantially larger than a conventional telephone handset.

62. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) communicating adapting the handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function functions for wireless local computer data networking with a portable base unit;
- b) transmitting a wireless radio frequency (RF) data to said portable base unit after said adapting the handset unit step;
- c) receiving a wireless radio frequency (RF) data from said portable base unit; and
- d) wherein said adapting handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function step includes configuring communicating said data for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay said data information to and from an external wide area network.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is used for includes data configured to networking functions with one or more other handset units forming a local area network.

65. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which the said external wide area network is substantially the Internet.

66. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset is adapted used as to an earset unit.

67. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, ~~further comprising in which said handset unit incorporating is used as a wireless cellular radio communication functions telephone unit.~~

68. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is adapted used to send and receive e-mail via said external wide area network.

69. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is used for adapted to voice or audio communication functions.